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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 March 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

90th plenary meeting

Floods in Southern Africa

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Governments and peoples of Southern African countries, in particular Mozambique, for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage caused by the recent floods that affected the countries.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/54/730/Add.1) [125]

The General Assembly took note that Afghanistan, Belize, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Guyana, Honduras, Latvia, Mongolia, the Sudan and Uzbekistan have made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]*: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Secretary-General (A/54/237)*

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 40 of the rules of procedure and decided, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General, to include in the agenda of the current session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo". The General Assembly further decided to allocate this item to the Fifth Committee.

Appointment to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for International Oversight Services: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/109) [17 (i)]

The General Assembly approved the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Dileep Nair (Singapore) as Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services for one fixed term of five years, effective 24 April 2000.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 17 (i).

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 2000/43 (PART II)).

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of a member of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]:

Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/54/750-S/2000/105)

List of nominations (A/54/751-S/2000/106 and Add.1 and 2)

Curriculum vitae (A/54/752-S/2000/107)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 264 (III), Switzerland was invited to participate in the election of a member of the International Court of Justice.

The Assembly proceeded to the election of a member of the International Court of Justice for the unexpired term of office of Judge Stephen Schwebel, whose resignation took effect on 29 February 2000.

In the first ballot, Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States) obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The President of the General Assembly read out a letter he had received from the President of the Security Council communicating the results of the voting held at the 4107th meeting of the Council.

Having obtained an absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States) was declared elected a member of the International Court of Justice for a term of office expiring on 5 February 2006.

Announcement

The President informed the General Assembly that, pursuant to paragraph 3 (e) of General Assembly resolution 54/33 of 24 November 1999, and after the appropriate consultation with Member States, he had decided to appoint H.E. Mr. Tuiloma Neroni Slade (Samoa) and Mr. Alan Simcock (United Kingdom) as Co-Chairpersons of the Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Ocean Affairs.

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